# PERSONAL USE FISHING Emergency Order ALASKA DEPAR

ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME** 

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-04-19 **Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday, June 19, 2019

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 24, 2019 Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2019,

unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

# **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District for the week of June 24, 2019.

## **REGULATION:**

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b) and 5 AAC 77.591 Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 24 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 30.

> Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

by delegation to:

Mark A. Somerville Area Management Biologist

## JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River personal use fishery is managed under direction of the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan (5 AAC 77.591). The plan establishes the season from June 7 through September 30, and directs the department to establish weekly periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During June 10-16, there were 112,107 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 66,396 salmon, which results in a surplus of 45,711 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 24 - 30.

# **DISTRIBUTION:**

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